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Canadian Philatelic Convention.

FIRST annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association met in Richmond Hall, Toronto, Ontario, on Wednesday, Sept. 19th, 1888, at 11 a. m.

Members present were,—President Ketcheson, Vice-President, A. J. Craig, Pictou, N. S.; F. J. Grenny, Exchange Superintendent; Geo. Walker, Librarian, Lowe, T. J. McMinn, W. Wilby, Niesser, Ineson, French, Book, Spry, Schultze, Morell, Leighton, Sec'y.

As Mr. Leighton was unable to attend the first session, Mr. Lowe was appointed Secretary *pro. tem.* Roll of members was called, and proxies of absent members who were represented in convention were checked and referred to the Committee on Credentials to report upon.

A committee to amend the constitution and bye-laws was then appointed, viz.—Grenny, Ketcheson, Craig, Spry.

The Secretary was called upon for the official list of members now in good standing and entitled to vote. The roll shows at date 122 members, and 23 applications for membership.

Convention then adjourned, to meet again at 2:30.

Wednesday, p. m. Second session meeting called to order at 3. President Ketcheson in the chair.

Report of Committee on Credentials was then called for. Committee reported proxies were in representing six names which were not on the official roll of members, and had not been published in the official organ.

Upon motion, it was resolved that owing to the failure of the official organ to publish its July number, thus preventing the publication of names of applicants for membership, that all proxies be accepted with one exception, No. 78, who had been expelled for non-payment of dues. This proxy was accordingly thrown out by the Association.

It was moved by Mr McMinn, seconded by Mr. French, that the election of officers for 1889 take place at the evening session. Carried,

Moved by Mr. Emory, seconded by Grenny, that in the election for officers the ballots of representatives be accepted in preference to the official ballots of members represented by proxy. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMinn, seconded by Mr. Grenny, that Mr. McMinn and Mr. Spry be a committee to get up a suitable design for a button, badge or pin for the Association.

Moved and seconded that the reports of the different officers of the

Association be received by the covention and referred to committees to be audited.

An exchange committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Walker, French and Emory. Exchange Suprentendent then made his report giving many interesting statistics, showing that the exchange of the C. P. A. shews a much larger per centage of business than the A. P. A. exchange.

As the Secretary had omitted to bring his report, and also the Treasurer's which had been forwarded to him the committee was unable to make an audit of those reports. The matter was referred to the standing finance committee.

Moved by Mr. Emory, seconded by Mr. McMinn, that the constitution and bye-laws of this Association be printed in pamphlet form and a list o all members to date to be appended with the correct address. Carried.

Motion to adjourn until 7:30, was carried.

3rd Session. At 8:00 the President called members to order and proceeded to the election of officers for 1889, Messrs. McMinn and Walker were appointed secretaries. Secretary called roll of members, those holding proxies answering for the members they represented. Roll call shewed 110 members present or represented by members present.

Mr. Craig	represented	40	members.
" Emory	"	24	"
" Parker	"	13	"
" Grenny	"	8	"
" Walker	"	4	"
" Wilby	"	5	"
" Ketcheson	"	4	"
		98	

The balance being made up by members present in person.

For President—Candidates were:—

Mr. H. Hechler	56 votes.
" E. Y. Parker	51 "
Scattering	2 "

For Vice-President, Ontario—Candidates were:—

Geo. Walker	95 "
Geo. A. Lowe	2 "
E. Y. Parker	13 "

Vice-President, Quebec:—

E. F. Wurtele	35 "
R. A. Baldwin Hart	74 "

Vice President, Nova Scotia:—

On motion, election was made unanimous and President asked to cast a ballot in favour of Mr. A. J. Craig, who was declared elected.

Vice-President, New Brunswick:—

H. S. Harte ..... unanimous.

Vice-President, P. E. I.:—

Williston Brown ..... "

Vice-President, British Columbia:—

J. H. Todd ..... "

Vice-President, Manitoba :—
J. R. Davidson.....unanimous.
For Secretary—Candidates were :—
J. A. Leighton..... 5 votes.
Geo. A. Lowe.....22 "
T. J. McMinn.....81 "
For Treasurer :—
H. L. Hart.....unanimous.
Exchange Superintendent :—
F. J. Grenny..... "
Librarian :—
J. A. Leighton..... "
Counterfeit Detector—Candidates :—
H. Morell.....106 votes.
A. B. S. DeWolf..... 4 "
Purchasing Agent—Candidates :—
H. F. Ketcheson..... 97 "
E. Y. Parker..... 3 "
F. C. Kaye..... 6 "

On motion of Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Walker, it was resolved that the Association pay the official organ the sum of $50.00 per year in quarterly payments at the end of each quarter, the Executive Board to have the power to cancel the arrangement by giving said organ 60 days notice, if the Journal is not satisfactory to the Association. A copy of the Journal to be sent free to each member of the Association. Carried.

For Official Organ :—
Halifax Philatelist.....77
Toronto Phil. Journal.....33
Official Editor :—
Theo. Larsen.....unanimous.
Place of Convention, 1889 :—
Halifax.....65
Montreal.....28

Meeting on motion adjourned until 10:30 following morning.

4th Session. President called convention to order at 10:30.

On motion, reading of minutes of former meeting and roll call were dispensed with.

Attendance was about the same as former day.

First on the order of business was the Exchange Committee's report.

Some alterations and additions were suggested which will appear in the revised bye-laws.

Moved and seconded that report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. French, that the commission of he Exchange Superintendent be increased from 5% to 7½%, after considerble discussion this motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilby, that the Exchange uperintendent be instructed to receive no exchange sheets unless value be 1.00 or over. Carried.

At 11:15 convention went into committee of the whole in secret session to receive the reports of the Executive Committee.

Charges being preferred against member No. 11, F. E. Book, of Niagara Falls, it was decided after all the evidence was received that the member be summarily expelled. The charges proven against him were for counterfeiting surcharged stamps, and having plates, etc., in his possession for that purpose.

In the matter of the complaints against Mr. J. R. Findlay, of Halifax, the matter was referred back to the Executive Committee, pending settlement.

Communication from C. H. Mekeel, giving names of frauds who had defrauded him, was read and advised to be fyled.

Convention again called to order to receive report of Mr. H. S. Hart, V. P. for N. B, which was read and ordered to be fyled. Mr. Hart referred in high terms to the excellence of his new catalogue of Canadian Postal and Fiscal Stamps.

The Secretary read the resignation of Mr. J. R. Findlay, as a member of the Executive Committee of this Association, which was accepted.

Upon motion, Mr. D. A. King, of Halifax, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Emory, that the Canadian Association endorses the claims of Mr. Pat. Chalmers for his father as the inventor of the adhesive stamp.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilby, and seconded by Craig, that this matter be laid over until next annual meeting of the Association.

Amendment was put and carried by a vote of 64 ayes against 28 nays.

The President was then called upon for an address. His remarks were of a very interesting and practical nature, commencing with a glance at the history of the Association, and among other matters recommending the appointment of an agent in New York for the purchase of stamps at sales, many other valuable suggestions were made by the President who resumed his seat amid the applause of the Association.

Upon motion, a vote of thanks was tendered the President for his able and instructive address.

The Vice-President of Nova Scotia being the only Vice-President of the Association present, was then called upon for an address. The Vice-President gave the Association a short account of the N. S. P. A., and of matters of philatelic interest in the Maritime Provinces, and called the attraction of the Association to the substitution of inferior stamps on approval sheets when on exchange circuit. This matter brought the Exchange Superintendent to his feet, who explained that one or two cases of this kind had been brought to his notice and he had traced the matter out so well that he could place his hands on the guilty parties who were warned that it must not occur again.

On motion, Convention adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

5th Session. Convention called to order at 2:45, when report of Committee on Constitution and Bye-Laws was taken up and discussed, each clause being adopted when approved.

Moved and seconded that the Convention for 1889, be called at a time agreed upon by the Executive Board of the Association.

Moved and seconded that this Association discourage the collection as far as possible of all reprints of stamps except those issued by postal authorities and used postally.

Moved and seconded that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Toronto members for the care that they had taken in providing a suitable place of meeting, and for supplying the decorations, &c., for the hall. Carried.

The business of the Convention being brought to a close it was moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the Canadian Philatelic Association adjourn, to meet again in Halifax next year, at the call of the Executive Board. Carried.

A. J. CRAIG.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.]

Some Remarks on the Stamps and Envelopes of the New Republic.

BY EMIL TAMSEN.

(*From the Philatelic Record.*)

THE German and French Philatelic Journals which I have seen, mentioned stamps of the values of 2/6, 4/6, 5/—, 6/—, 7/—, 10/—, 13/—, 20/—, 30/—; but I do not believe in these, or at the best, they can only be revenue stamps, though I am unable to prove this as yet, but I hope to do so later. Such high values are hardly ever used for postage purposes in South Africa, except perhaps at Kimberby, and even there 5/—, is the highest value. Here in Transvaal 5/— and 10/— are almost exclusively used for telegrams. Considering that the stamps in the New Republic only frank within its own territory, and that the rate is 2d. per ½ oz, what use could the inhabitants possibly have for postage stamps of such high values as those above named.

The envelopes of the New Republic are made by impressing the hand stamp of Jan. 4, '87, in the right upper corner on envelopes of certain sizes, of which I have only seen four varieties. They seem to have been struck off as a kind of trial, one supply of about fifty* in all was issued, and I was informed by the treasurer that no further issue would take place on account of *irregularities*, but what was meant by that I am unable to say.

The Ill. Be. Journal chronicles some strange envelopes with arms in black and landdrost, kantoor, etc. Perhaps the manufacturer of these may know something about them as they are not known here†

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*This can scarcely be the fact as we have seen a very fair number ourselves all bearing the stamp of Jan. 4, '87, and we have known of a consignment to a large dealer here direct from Vryheid.—ED.

†We ourselves received an envelope so stamped direct from Vryheid, with the stamp as described in the record of last year, being a coat of arms in black within a circle inscribed *Vryheid, Nieuwe Republiek, Zuid Afrika, Post Kantoor.* This was no fabrication notwithstanding they do not appear to have been seen in Transvaal. The stamp was a hand stamp applied to a stamped New Republic envelope, size 123 x 100 mm.—ED.

In the following list the color refers to the paper, that denominated blue being bluish gray. The impression is always in lilac ink—all the specimens are in my collection, and have all come to me direct from the government office.

I. (*a*)—Perforated 11½.

Jan. 9, 1886.—1d. yellow, 2d. yellow.
Jan. 13, 1886.—2d. yellow, 9d. yellow.
May 24, 1886.—1d. blue, 2d. yellow, 2d. blue.
Aug. 30, 1886.—1d. yellow, 2d blue.
Sept. 6, 1886.—6d. blue, 9d. blue, 1s. blue.
Oct. 13, 1886.—1d. yellow, 2d. blue, 3d. blue, 4d. blue.
Nov. 24, 1886.—1d. blue, 2d. yellow, 3d. yellow, 4d. blue. 6d. blue, 9d. blue, 1s. blue.
Jan. 4, 1887.—2d. blue.

I. (*b*)—Imperforate.

Aug. 30, 1886.—1d. yellow, 2d. blue.
Sept. 6, 1886.—6d. blue.
Oct. 13, 1886.—3d. blue.
Nov. 24, 1886.—1d. blue, 2d. yellow, 3d. yellow.

II.—Arms Embossed and Stamps Dated—Perforated 11½.

Jan. 20, 1886.—1d. blue.
June 30, 1886.—1d. blue, 1d. yellow.
July 7, 1886.—1d. blue.
Aug. 4, 1886.—1d. blue.
Oct. 6, 1886.—1d. yellow.
Nov. 3, 1886.—1d. blue.
Dec. 2, 1886.—2d. blue, 2d. yellow.

Variety (*a*)—Arms Reversed.

May 26, 1886.—1d. blue, 1d. yellow.
July 7, 1886.—1d. yellow.
Nov. 3, 1886.—1d. yellow.
Dec. 2, 1886.—1d. yellow.

Variety (*b*)—Imperforate.

June 30, 1886.—1d. blue, 1d. yellow, (arms reversed.)
July 7, 1886.—1d. blue.
Oct. 6, 1886.—1d. yellow.
Dec. 2, 1886.—2d. blue.

III.—Arms Embossed, without Date—Perforated 11½.

1d. blue, 2d. blue, 3d. blue, 3d. yellow, 4d. blue, 4d. yellow, 6d. yellow, 4d. blue, 9d. yellow, 1s. yellow.

Variety (*a*) Imperforate.

1d. blue, 2d. blue, 3d. yellow, 9d. yellow.

VARIETY (*b*)—ARMS REVERSED—PERFORATED 11½.

1d. blue, 2d. blue, 3d. yellow, 4d. yellow, 6d. yellow, 9d. yellow, 1s. yellow.

VARIETY (*c*)—ARMS REVERSED AND IMPERFORATE.

1d. blue.

ENVELOPES.

Jan. 4, 1887.—2d. lilac on white paper, size 145 x 83 mm.
2d. " blue " " 223 x 100 "
2d. " " " " 229 x 192 "
2d. " " " " 255 x 125 "

The Postal Telegraph Co., N. Y. C.

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THESE beautiful stamps were issued in a book of 100 by the above named company on Feb. 12th, 1885, and for a long while, three years, but three values were known. The company existed but five months when it was submerged into the W. U. Though a company exists in N. Y. C. now known as ' The Postal Telegraph and Cable Co.," it uses no stamps or franks. The other value came to light about March 1888.

The values are 10c., 15c., 25c. and 50c.. engraved by American B. Note Co., colored imp. on white wove heavy paper, 20 x 25 mm., perf. 10. The 10c. has the figure " 10 " slanting to dexter, shaded dexter in an oblong four scolloped oval of *lathe* work, framed by a white band, " POSTAL TELEGRAPH " in white *block* letters in solid curved tablet over centre, framed with white band, square ends, the word " COMPANY " same, in same under centre, all on a vertical banded tablet, three white ornaments above at sides and below at ends of tablet tablet *shaded* dexter " TEN CENTS " in white capitals, oblique on solid ground at base all on ground work of vertical fine lines. The 15c. has the figure " 15 " slanting to dexter, shaded dexter, on an oblong of *lathe work* framed by a white curved band, over it, in a rayed arch a five pointed star, of alternate sections of white and shaded ground, scrolls at side, over it in a curved solid label in white capitals the word " COMPANY " and over this curved in white *block* letters the word " POSTAL TELEGRAPH." Under the oblong is " FIFTEEN " in white slanting capitals, and under the *fifteen* in small white upright capitals, the word " CENTS " on solid ground arrow ornaments in solid ground each side of " *cents*," all on a ground of vertical lines, with white line above, curved in spandrels.

The 25c. has the figure of value upright on a shaded shield of *lathe* work, framed by a white line. The word " POSTAL " in white capitals in solid curved tablet or scroll at top, under it in white block letters on solid double curved tablet is " TELEGRAPH COMPANY," under the shield is the word " TWENTY-FIVE CENTS " in white letters on a curved solid tablet, all on a fancy beveled shield of oblique (sinister) alternate white and

shaded bands, ornaments in corners, shaded dexter and base. The 50c. has the figure of value in an upright oval of *lathe* work, (showing light reflections) the word "POSTAL" in white capitals on solid straight label at top, scrolls at side shaded. The word "TELEGRAPH" to sinister and "COMPANY" to dexter in white letters, on arched solid tablet over oval, framed white. "FIFTY CENTS" in white capitals in solid double curued tablet at base, framed white Greek ornaments in upper spandrels, and in lower. These stamps became obsolete after July 4th, 1885. The cancellation is a star in black, and two pen lines across the stamp.

No. 1.	10c. blue green	C. C.,	30.
" 2.	15c. vermillion	"	123.
" 3.	25c. blue	"	48.
" 4.	50c. brown	"	80.

CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan.—The *Ph. R.* mentions the 1 abasy black on red, pink, yellow and green. Also the 2 abasy, price and 1 rupee, blue, on the same paper. The laid lines are 2½ min. apart.

Annan and Tonkin.—The 5c. on 2c. which was chronicled some time ago as an error, has turned out to be a fraud. The *Timbre Poste* says that this stamp never existed, but that a variety of surcharges were made in the colony for a French banker who deals in postage stamps.

Argentine Republic.—A 3 + 3c. letter card has been issued, green on white.

Bavaria.—The arms on the post card are on a shield instead of an oval and are smaller.

British Bechuanaland.—The 3d., 4d., 6d., 1sh., 2sh., 2sh. 6d., 5sh. and 10sh., are surcharged "Protecttorate" as well as the lower values. We were in error last month in supposing that the British Bechuanaland stamps surcharged with the word PROTECTORATE had superseded the use of those already issued in that territory. Mr. Campbell has forwarded to us a copy of the *Bechuanaland News* of the 8th of last month, which announces that arrangements will shortly be completed for the establishment of a postal service by native runners between British Bechuanaland and Matabeleland, *via* Baniangwato, at the rates set forth in the notice issued by the Acting Postmaster-General of British Bechuanaland, dated Vryburg, the 28th July last. A further notice was issued on the 7th August last, that the native runner service had commenced, and that correspondence for the Protectorate should be forwarded to Mafeking Post-office. It was also ordered that correspondence posted within the Protectorate and Trans-Protectorate should be prepaid in British Bechuanaland stamps, overprinted with the word "Protectorate." It is clear, therefore, that stamps, as mentioned in our list last month, have been so overprinted for the special use of this service to the north of British Bechuanaland, and which constitutes the "Protectorate." We subjoin the notice headed "The British Bechuanaland Protectorate—Postal Extension," which appeared in the above newspaper:

"The arrangements which Mr. J. S. Moffat, Assistant Commissioner, has during the past month or two been making are now completed, and the 'Protectorate Post' comes into operation forthwith. The former route to the interior, *via* Zeerust, in the Transvaal, has been summarily abandoned, and the post will be conveyed by native rruners through Mafeking to Kanya (Gasitsive's), Molepolole (Secheli's), and Shoshong (Khama's) weekly, and from Shoshong to Gubuluways (Lobengula's) fortnightly. The first post under the the new arrangement arrived at Mafeking on Monday. Probably Moghudi will be made the postal station after a while instead of Molpolole, the latter not being quite so direct as the former. During the time his Honour remains in the Protectorate settling the Grobelaar incident, special riders will carry despatches supplementary to the above post."

The unappropriated dies are not well adapted for postage stamps. There is no numeral value on them, and the value itself is so indistinct, being of the same colour as the background, besides reading up and down, that we were not "surpised to find" that the authorities are improving Messrs. De La Rue & Co.'s double fugitives by surcharging them with the value, of which we may expect to have a goodly number of varieties, such as figure 1 with and without a serif, with long and short serifs, &c.; 2 in Roman, block curly head, curly tail, straight head, straight tail, &c. At present we have only to chronicle the following:

Adhesives. 1 penny, purple, surcharged in black, "1d."
2 pence " " red, "2d."
—*Philatelic Record.*

Canada.—The 2c. Registration and 3c. are now issued in bright carmine color. We have seen the ½d. imperforate on a thin ribbed paper, with perpendicular laid lines.

Danish West Indies.—A new 1 cent stamp is out—1 cent in rose frame of yellow green.—*Ph. Record.*

Dutch Indies.—There is a new 30c. unpaid stamp of same design and color as the others. The 10c. red-brown envelope is found on white paper, and the 25c. lilac envelope is surcharged 15 cts., in black, in large figures.

Formosa.—We give here some information of these stamps taken from an official letter from Formosa to Pekin, dated the 14th May, 1888:

"For information, I enclose a copy of the new regulations at present adopted by the Government of Formosa. Under those regulations, the old official mode of sending letters has become a regular postal service for the public. The following are the principal articles:

1st. The mail is carried by carriers on foot.

2nd. The postal routes are divided into spaces of a day's journey, being a distance of from 70 to 100 li.

3rd. Letters are transported at the rate of 20 cash per tael and per stage, with extra charge to places that are not in the post route.

4th. The postage stamps are of two kinds, the official and the ordinary. The first are supplied free to the public officers for the use of official postage, the second are sold to the public.

In regard to the stamps, the system is embarrassing and open to criticism —the sale not being made to the public. For instance, some person wanting to send a letter from Mobei to Tekcham, goes to the office in the district of Mobei and pays 60 cash in advance for his letter. The post office gives him a receipt and attaches the stamps. The letter is then sent to Topei and from thence to Tongleck and Tecksham, receiving at each a supplementary stamp on it, probably for the purpose of shewing that it has passed through these respective offices.—*Timbre Poste.*

Great Britain.—The *Ph. R.* says there are three types of arms on the ½d. and ½+½d. card.

Grenada.—The 4d. on 2sh. is found with surcharge reversed.

Italy.—The 30c. and 5l. unpaid letter stamps have been seen with inverted numerals.

Jamaica.—We have seen a copy of the new ½d. band issued for this colony—green on light brown.

Luxemburg.—The 5c. card is now inscribed "Grand Duche de Luxembourg—Grosshorzofthem Luxemburg."

Mexico.—We have the 20c. and 25c. in carmine. Mr. Morton has shown us the official seal with the eagle slightly different, and the word "Mexico, D. F.," extending 25 min. instead of 23 min.

Nicaragua.—We have a new 3c. card. The stamp is of the current type and is in the centre. "Tarjeta," is at the left, and "Postal," at the right, on a straight label.

Philippine Islands.—The 1c. green has been surcharged 2 4-8 cmos. in carmine.

Pountch.—The *Ph. R.* has received the ½ anna black, on white laid paper, and thinks it may be an essay.

St. Christopher.—The *A. P.* mentions the 3d. black and white, 6d black and orange, 1sh. black and olive.

Straits Settlement.—The 96c. green is found with mark of C. A. and crown.

Shanghai.—The following new stamps are out since July last,—40 can. black, 80 can. green and 100 can. blue.—(*Timbre Post.*)

NOTES.

We are very glad to see that the next Canadian Philatelic Convention will be held here, and hope that on account of its being so easy of access from the United States that we shall have a good shewing of our American members here. If they come they can depend on a good time.

The *Philatelic Herald* is again out under new owners and in new shape, it has one of the fashionable philatelic covers.

THE *Philatelic Beacon* from Newton, Mass., is a new one and starts very well, the article on Philatelic Literature being especially good. Its owner should, however, see that its reading is not cut up and made to skip from one page to another.

WE have to thank Mr. J. A. Pierce for a sketch and catalogue of the exhibit of the N. S. P. O. Department at the exposition in Cincinnati.

THE proposed reduction of the postage rate from three to two cents, in references to which the postal department is understood to be collecting information, is supported by *Bradstreet*, which says the reduction would result almost immediately in a considerable extension of the use of the service, which would exert an influence on the commerce and industry of the Dominion. It would also remove the anomalous condition of things now existing and bring the Dominion into line with the United States. The loss to the revenue, if any, it is thought, would only be of a temporary character, as in all probability the reduction here would be followed by results of a similar character to those in other countries, where, instead of any decrease in the receipts, there has been an actual increase. In the United States during the four years that the reduced rate has been in operation the service has been self-sustaining, and next year a surplus has been anticipated. Nothing more could be desired. The department is not kept up to make money out of it, but on account of the service to the public.

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OFFICIAL ORGAN, HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

MEETING OF SEPT. 14TH.

MEETING opened at 8.15. In absence of President and Vice-President the chair was taken by Mr. Caldwell. Secretary also being absent Ed. Smith was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.* Members present Messrs. Caldwell, Shannon, Hart, Larsen, O., Larsen, T., Kaye, Hechler, DeWolf, Smith, Ed., Francis, King and Crowell. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved that fines due by absentees from last meeting, be paid at this one,—Carried. Moved by Larsen, seconded by DeWolf,

that roll be called of each meeting,—Carried. Congratulations were tendered Mr. Hechler on his election to Presidency of C. P. A. Moved and seconded that the thanks of this Association be tendered Mr. A. J. Craig for his kindness in acting as our proxy at the recent convention,—Carried unanimously. Letters read from Mr. Grenny, the Exchange Superintendent of the C. P. A., in regard to Exchange matters, also letters from Messrs. Angier and Menchine were read. Moved by Hart, and seconded by Shannon, that the Secretary have notice in public papers on Saturday evening previous to meeting, stating that the N. S. P. A. will welcome all collectors to any of our meetings. Moved by Hechler, seconded by DeWolf, that election of officers for this branch be held at last meeting in November, to take office first January,—Carried. Moved by Francis, seconded by O. Larsen, that thanks be tendered Mr. H. E. French for copies of the Ontario Stamp Journal,—Carried. King proposed Mr. A. R. d'Jukendalle, of Brussels, as a corresponding member,—Unanimously elected. The auctioneer requests that all members with stamps for sale will hand them in to him the afternoon previous to meeting. Business being done, the auction sale was commenced, and some good stamps sold, among them the following: Trinidad, badly lithographed, dark blue, to Hart for $2.75; Canada, 2c., carmine register, new issue, for 30c., to DeWolf, who also bought a block of three unsevered penny Nova Scotia for $5.25; Trinidad first issue, on blue paper. 1 shilling, to Hechler for $1.75.

Meeting closed at 10.30.

E. A. SMITH, *Sec'y, pro tem.*

MEETING OF OCT. 8TH, 1888.

MEETING opened at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. Hechler took the chair. Members present, King, Hart, Smith, E. A., Larsen, T., Hechler, Gass, Shannon, Kaye, DeWolf, Larsen, O., and Francis. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Hechler, seconded by Larsen, that the Librarian be supplied with funds to write to the various Philatelic Journals asking them to send us copies of their papers for the library of our Association,—Carried. Moved by Smith and seconded by Kaye, that all the Philatelic Societies in the United States and Canada be requested to send us list of their members and we will do the same. This being the only business before the meeting the usual auction was held, some very good prices were realized, among which were United States 5c. yellow @ $1.60 to DeWolf. Unsevered pair of Nova Scotia, 3d., for $1.50, to Hechler. New Brunswick, 6d., to Gass for $2.25. Nevis, ½d., black surcharge, for 40c. to DeWolf.

Meeting closed at 10.45.

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